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REMARKS

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1. On 18 December, the Flak Kaserne on Thomas-Mann-Strasse, Magdeburg (H 51/H 82), was occupied virtually to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 250 soldiers were seen drilling with small arms. Ten trucks each carrying 5 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation. The soldiers on the vehicles were under the command of two officers. 50X1-HUM
2. On 21 December, the Seeckt Kaserne on Turmschanzenstrasse quartered troops most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with bridge-building and signal insignia. A few wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Eighty percent of the billets were lighted after sundown. A unit of 1 officer and 60 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets with bridge-building insignia was seen marching into the billeting area on 10 December. Several trucks with pontoons, including truck were noticed in the barracks yard. About 120 soldiers were seen drilling on 17 and 18 December. About 130 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with bridge-building and signal insignia and 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia were seen marching from the Kleiner Anger training area to the installation on 19 December. Three officers and about 130 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with bridge-building insignia were seen marching from the Kleiner Anger training area to the installation on 21 December. 50X1-HUM
3. On 21 December, the Nachrichten Kaserne on Turmschanzenstrasse quartered about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia, and some, with tank and motor transport insignia. Tanks and an 85-mm artillery piece were seen at the garages on 18 December, and 1 tank on 19 December. About 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in athletic activities, 50 soldiers in drill on that day, and about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia and carrying rifles were seen marching from the Kleiner Anger training area to the installation. One officer and 40 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying rifles marched from the direction of the Kleiner Anger to the installation on 21 December. 50X1-HUM

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4. On 11 December, 80 soldiers were seen drilling in the barracks yard of the Hindenburg Kaserne at the intersection of Herrenkrugstrasse and Jerichower Strasse. Vehicles [redacted] were identified driving from and to the installation. Six tank trucks, including

18 trucks [redacted]
 and about 50 x 1,000-liter drums guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were noticed in the damaged area south of the Hindenburg Kaserne on 18 and 21 December.

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5. On 17 and 19 December, the Herrenkrug Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse quartered a total of about 3,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Field training by groups of 30 to 40 men with small arms including training in firing was noticed at the Grosser Crakauer Anger training field near the Anger Kaserne. Field training with hand arms and gas masks by platoons of 80 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was noticed at the training field between the Alte Elbe River and Herrenkrugstrasse. Entrenching practice and telephone line construction training by groups of soldiers were observed at the Kleiner Crakauer Anger west of Herrenkrugstrasse. Vehicles observed driving to and from the two barracks installations [redacted]

6. On 18 and 20 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered from 1,500 to 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and black-bordered black epaulets. Troops were seen drilling with four 100-mm AT guns in the area between the Alte Elbe River and Herrenkrugstrasse on 18 December. Troops receiving training in firing small arms, close combat training and telephone line construction practice were seen in the same area, opposite the Hindenburg Kaserne, on 20 December. Vehicles identified driving from and to the billeting area [redacted]

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7. On 21 and 22 December, the Seeckt Kaserne and the Nachrichten Kaserne on Turmschanzenstrasse were occupied by about 1,000 troops. Guards wore black-bordered black epaulets. Small arms drill by groups of 20 to 30 men, training in firing with rifles, hand grenade practice, close combat training and vehicle maintenance were noticed in the billeting area. Trucks with pontoons were seen in the barracks yard. Vehicles identified driving to and from the two installations [redacted]

8. On 24 December, the Zuckerbusch Kaserne on Zuckerbuschstrasse was occupied by about 500 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets. No particular training activity was noticed. [redacted]

9. On 18 December, it was learned that a number of civilian houses on the road to Zippkeleben were vacated by their German occupants between 10 and 16 December, subsequently incorporated into the billeting area of the Flak Kaserne on Thomas-Mann-Strasse and occupied by mortar unit, the soldiers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Drill with 15 x 80-mm mortars and practice with periscopes were observed in the new billeting area on 27 and 28 December. Six 85-mm AA guns were noticed in emplacements in the same area near the athletic field of the Flak Kaserne.

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Soldiers were seen drilling with two of the guns. Drill with 37-mm AA guns, the digging of splinterproof trenches and the enlargement of garages were noticed in the yard of the Flak Kaserne on 28 December. Vehicles driving from and to the Flak Kaserne [redacted]

10. On 13 December, the Encke Kaserne on Beimstrasse quartered about 400 troops of various branches of service. In addition to barracks cadre with black-bordered red epaulets, groups of about 20 senior lieutenants and captains each were seen leaving the installation by truck in the early morning hours and turning to the billeting area in the late afternoon.
11. On 6 and 12 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 2,000 troops. Guards there wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Soldiers engaged in interior duties were seen in the billeting area, while 50X1-HUM about 300 troops, organized in groups of from 20 to 30 men, received basic drill in the adjoining Grosser Anger training area. A convoy of 10 trucks, [redacted] and vehicles [redacted] were observed driving to and from the billeting area. 50X1-HUM
12. Between 3 and 9 December, the Seeckt Kaserne and the Nachrichten Kaserne were occupied by about 1,000 troops. Guards wore black-bordered black epaulets. Special vehicles on blocks carrying pontoons were seen in the yard of the Seeckt Kaserne. Troops at the platoon level receiving basic training and training in firing were noticed at the training field between the barracks and the Alte Elbe River. Twenty-four officers were observed in carbine practice and subsequently in firing practice at the Elbe River on 12 December. A unit of about 100 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets was seen 50X1-HUM moving from the Seeckt Kaserne to the training field between the Elbe River proper and the old river branch on the same day. Vehicles observed driving to and from the two barracks installations [redacted]
13. On 5 December, the Zuckorbusch Kaserne quartered about 400 troops. Sentries wore black-bordered red epaulets. Soldiers were seen scaling obstacle walls and marching in formation. [redacted] some of the barracks buildings and the adjoining shed contained stocks of medical supplies. Incoming and outgoing shipments of medical supplies in boxes were noticed at all times. Two civilian houses adjoining the billeting area on Zuckerbuschstrasse were cleared of furniture by a detachment of engineer troops with 6 trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
14. On 8 December, the Encke Kaserne quartered about 400 troops. Twenty officers with baggage were seen leaving for the main railroad station in bus [redacted]
15. A sentry observed at the Flak Kaserne on Thomas-Mann-Strasse on 14 December wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. No particular training activity was noticed in the billeting area. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
16. On 12 December, the Herrenkrug Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops. Guards wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. Seven T-34/85 tanks, 2 SP guns and 6 x 120-mm mortars were seen in the barracks yard.
17. On 12 December, the Anger Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. About 100 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. Fifteen 76-mm M2 A1S-3 artillery pieces and 2 x 57-mm AT guns were seen in the barracks yard. 50X1-HUM
18. On 13 December, the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black and black-bordered red epaulets. Three of the barracks buildings were occupied to capacity, one about 50 percent, and 2 stood vacant.

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Four 120-mm mortars were seen in the yard. Driver training was also noticed in the barracks yard. Twenty soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets were seen constructing telephone lines in the damaged area adjoining the barracks installation. Vehicles [redacted] drove from and to the barracks installation.

19. A German craftsman employed in the Zuckerbusch Kaserne stated on 4 December that the installation quartered a guard unit of 60 to 80 men who wore black-bordered red epaulets. About 300 fuel drums were dumped at a place in the billeting area. [redacted] 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

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21. A train of about 30 coaches and flatcars, observed at the Magdeburg-Piederitz railroad station on 20 December, was loaded with about 170 escort troops and an undetermined number of T-44 tanks. [redacted]
 [redacted] Some of the tanks had already driven down the ramp. [redacted]
22. In late November, it was determined that commissary No 9, which was at a troop training ground during the summer and in Herrenberg near Magdeburg during the winter [redacted]

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